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AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken by the Government to increase agricultural productivity;

(b) the details of agricultural growth area contemplated in the Tenth Plan approach paper; and

(c) the steps taken to protect small and marginal farmers who are gradually taking up alternate livelihood?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)to(c): The Government is implementing a number of Central Sector and CentrallySponsored Schemes to increase agricultural production and productivity of crops. The agricultural growth area contemplated in the Tenth Plan Approach Paper for increasing the agricultural productivity inter-alia focuses on exploiting the highest potential area in Eastern and Central region, raising crop intensity, stepping up public investment in irrigation capacity and water management, watershed development programme, development and dissemination of agricultural technologies, diversification of agriculture in favour of oilseeds, pulses and horticulture crops.

Diversification in agriculture for oilseeds, pulses and horticulture crops will help in increasing the income of small and marginal farmers.